

A Negro Killed at Marceline.

Just before the COURIER went to press last week we learned that a man had been killed at the Marceline fair grounds Thursday evening. It has since developed that both of the parties to the fatal shooting affray were negroes, and that it was Dick Phenix, a Brookfield negro, who did the shooting and that George Moss, col., of Kansas City was the man killed.

Dr. G. M. Dewey, coroner of Chariton county, went to Marceline to hold an inquest on the dead man's remains as the murder occurred in this county just over the Linn county line.

After the following jury was summoned by Constable F. M. Veatch of Keytesville township and sworn and empaneled, to-wit: Jas. G. Oldham, E. C. Locke, James Winkler, John F. Scott, J. D. Stanley and A. R. Cawthron, testimony was offered as follows:

M. A. PRATHER

testified:

I reside at Keytesville, Mo., I was at the fair grounds south of Marceline in Chariton county on the 9th day of September, 1897. I saw this darkey they call Dick Phenix come running up to near where I was and pulled out a revolver and ran about 15 or 20 feet south where there were four or five other darkeys and drew his gun on one and the other darkey looked as though he was trying to get out of the way of the one called Dick Phenix. I saw that the pistol was in range of me so I stepped to one side and I heard the shot, and in a few moments some one said he was dead. I went down and saw that he was dead. The negro that was shot had nothing that I could see to defend himself with. I had been looking for Dick Phenix to do something desperate. He had tried to get up a row with two white men, but they would not even quarrel with him, and he commenced on this negro. The man that did the shooting might have been drinking, but he was not drunk.

J. A. JOHNSTON

testified:

I reside in Chariton county, Mo. On the 9th day of September, 1897, I was at the fair grounds south of Marceline in Chariton county. I heard some words, as I thought in a jocular manner, among some boys. I then heard a pistol fire, and heard a man say that he was shot.

OLLIE COLEMAN

testified:

I reside at Salisbury, Mo. On the 9th day of September, 1897, I was at the fair grounds south of Marceline in Chariton county, Mo. I saw Dick Phenix with a revolver in his hand in a crowd. He said: "Run, or look out, niggers, I am going to shoot." And when he did this the crowd began to scatter and at the same time he shot. After the shooting I went down and found a dead man. I did not see the man that was shot until he was down.

ALBERT PETERS

testified:

I reside at Salisbury, Mo. I was at the fair grounds south of Marceline on the 9th day of September, 1897. I was seated in a buggy when I heard some loud talking. I got out of the buggy and went down where the talking was. About the time I got there I saw Dick Phenix shoot, and I saw another man running and some one came and said: "The man was shot." I went down there and looked at him and saw that he was shot. I know nothing concerning the shooting. I heard Dick Phenix swearing and talking loud.

DR. W. W. ELLIS

testified:

I reside in Marceline, Mo. My profession is that of a physician and surgeon. I assisted in holding an autopsy on the body of the deceased,

George Moss. I found a gunshot wound two inches to the anterior above the left nipple between second and third ribs. On opening the body I found that the ball had penetrated the heart through the left ventricle near the aorta. I also found a large quantity of blood in the chest. As a physician I believe death was caused from a gunshot wound. I think the man who did the shooting was a little to the left of the deceased. I think death was caused by internal hemorrhage.

GEORGE PARSONS.

testified:

I reside at Kansas City, Mo. I was standing around with the gang of boys there. Dick Phenix pulled out a pistol and drew it on me. I told him to not fool with me and walked away. I got almost to the stable when I heard the pistol fire. He seemed as though he was in fun when he came at me. The man that drew the gun seemed to be feeling a little good, but I did not think he was drunk. He did not seem to be angry. The man that was shot had no words with Dick Phenix previous to the shooting that I heard. I had no acquaintance with the negro that did the shooting.

A. W. WILSON

testified:

I live in Texas. I was at the fair grounds south of Marceline in Chariton county, Mo., on the 9th day of September, 1897. I heard a pistol fire, and the next I heard Moss was dead. I knew both Moss and Phenix. They had no words before the shooting that I heard.

Upon the above testimony the jury returned the following verdict:

"We, the jury, find from the testimony that the deceased came to his death at the hands of Dick Phenix from the effects of a pistol ball."

The murdered man was a colored cook in the employ of R. J. Holmes of Kansas City, but was at the Marceline fair with a string of horses belonging to Stewart & Holmes.

The murderer is a mulatto negro, 5 feet 9 inches high, and was in the employ of Chas. Lewis, a race horse man, who formerly trained horses for Gen. E. W. Price of Keytesville. Phenix is a well-known tough.

Immediately after the killing of Moss, Phenix was arrested and lodged in the Marceline calaboose until Saturday, when he had his preliminary trial before Justice Wm. Clark of Clark township, resulting in the prisoner's being committed to jail, without bail, to await the action of the grand jury at the October term of circuit court.

As a sequel to the Marceline fair last year, Chariton county tax-payers had a large bill of costs to pay, growing out of an attempt to convict several parties of selling liquor illegally; but notwithstanding the liquor was there and was sold in profuse abundance, the state failed to establish the guilt of a single one of the accused.

This year we are to be mulcted to the extent of the costs of a murder trial, and we cannot refrain from expressing the wish that Marceline would hereafter hold her fair under her own vine and fig tree or on her own dung hill. We expect the latter place would be more in keeping with the character of the fair.

Cider.

Commencing Tuesday, September 28th, I will make cider every day in the week, excepting Monday, at the rate of 50 cents per an ordinary barrel at my cider mill one mile west of Salisbury.

Respectfully,
Henry Nagel.

Quarterly Meetings.

Keytesville circuit, which includes Asbury and Helena added to Dalton circuit of last year. At Centenary, September 25th and 26th; Keytesville station, at Keytesville, September 26th and 27th.

J. R. A. VAUGHAN,
Presiding Elder.

The Wabash Wreck at Keytesville.

The people of Keytesville were terribly shocked yesterday morning when they learned that a frightful wreck had occurred on the Wabash railway at Keytesville station. Many of our citizens, including two or three of our local physicians, went to view the results of the disaster, and to do what they could to alleviate the sufferings of the wounded and care for the dead and dying.

The wreck was caused by a collision between No. 15, the St. Louis and Council Bluffs passenger train, due at Keytesville at 2:45 a. m., and No. 98, an east-bound freight that should have reached this place at 11:54 p. m., but was nearly three hours late, at a point just opposite the pump house west of the station.

Both trains were running on time orders to Keytesville, and the freight train had about come to a standstill for the purpose of switching to let the passenger train pass, but before the freight train could enter the sidetrack the passenger train came thundering up the road from the east and crashed into the freight train.

The awful scene which followed can better be imagined than described. Both engines were pitched into mid-air, and reared up on each other like two wild beasts in mighty conflict, and were almost totally destroyed. The mail car, which followed the engine of the passenger train, was badly wrecked, while the baggage car, following the mail car, was wrecked but little. A freight car containing merchandise was smashed into kindling wood, and another freight car containing dressed beef was more or less demolished. But what of the human freight you ask?

Ed Gaines, a postal clerk of St. Louis, but who formerly lived at Brunswick, a son of Henry Gaines, deceased, was instantly killed. He was the main support of his widowed mother.

W. B. Smith, the fireman on the passenger train, remained at his post on the engine and met instant death.

The engineer, Wm. A. Flowers of Moberly, when he saw the danger that confronted him jumped down an embankment into Mussel Fork creek, a distance of about 40 feet, and had his ankle severely sprained, and was seriously injured internally. He also lost his \$100 watch in the creek.

Wm. A. Clark, a son of John Clark of Salisbury, and Paul Street, also of Salisbury, who were riding on the front platform of the mail car next to the tender of the engine, beating their way to Brunswick, were, it is believed, fatally injured. Both were dangerously hurt internally, and Clark had one of his feet mashed entirely off, and the other was so badly crushed that it had to be amputated. In addition to his internal injuries Street had his right arm and right leg broken and had three of his fingers cut off at first joint. These two young men had the Klondike fever, and had started for Butte, Mont., intending to spend the winter there with relatives of young Clark, and continuing their journey to Alaska's gold fields in the spring. Clark died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Chauncey Jones, a postal clerk, who made his home at Montgomery City, was but slightly hurt.

None of the freight crew were injured. Engineer Chris Nelson and Fireman Wm. A. McIntyre jumped from the engine in time to save their lives.

The only passengers reported injured were Mrs. Wm. Burton of Patsburg, Mo., who was considerably shocked. She was on her way home from St. Louis where she had submitted to an operation, and was in a feeble physical condition. John J. Bristoe of Oakland, Iowa, who was on his way home from Indiana accompanied by his wife, had his left shoulder bruised and strained and was hurt about the back. Mrs. Bristoe had a bump raised on her cranium. Mrs. A. B. Bolton of Will-

iamsburg, Mo., had an ankle sprained and received a slight cut on her right leg below the knee. George F. Myers of Lucerne, Mo., had his right leg sprained and bruised. These injured passengers have all satisfactorily adjusted the amount of the damage they sustained with the railroad company, and were all able to resume their journey homeward or to their intended destination as soon as the debris of the wreck was removed and a train arrived.

The passenger train was in charge of Conductor "Dick" Carter, and the freight of Conductor John P. Padgett.

The only theory advanced as to the cause of the wreck is there must have been a slight deviation in the watches of the conductors. A thorough investigation will be had by the road's officials and the blame for the unfortunate affair placed where it belongs.

Ten thousand dollars would be a low estimate of the property loss to the company.

The Wabash wrecking crew from Moberly was at the scene of the wreck shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday morning and had the debris cleared away so that trains could pass a few minutes after 10 o'clock.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the Wabash authorities for the considerate and kindly manner in which they cared for the unfortunate victims of the disaster, who were rightfully entitled to their protection. The injured engineer, Wm. A. Flowers, and Chauncey Jones, the slightly disabled postal clerk, were taken to the Wabash hospital at Moberly, and the remains of Postal Clerk Ed Gaines and Fireman W. B. Smith were also taken to that city and prepared for burial. Clark and Street were taken to their homes at Salisbury.

An inquest was held by Dr. G. M. Dewey, coroner, on the dead bodies of Ed Gaines and W. B. Smith before the following jury: M. B. Hunt, M. A. Prather, A. D. Taylor, Geo. M. Dewey, P. R. O'Bryan and Joe Chivers, but no important facts were developed in addition to those already given.

The jury returned the following verdict: "We, the jury, find that W. B. Smith and Ed Gaines came to their death by a collision of passenger train No. 15 and freight train No. 98 at Keytesville station."


There were five young negro bucks from Salisbury, viz: Bud Kitchen, Hollis Johnson, Ernest Patterson, "Shank" Brumhall and Clarence Elington, who were riding "second blind baggage," but not one of them received a scratch, parted with his razor or lost his dice. They all still live to wield a darkey's favorite weapon in battle array and play his most fascinating game—craps.

The Criminal Calendar.

Complaint was lodged with Prosecuting Attorney J. A. Collet Wednesday morning, sent from Justice F. M. Lewis' court at Sumner, charging Aaron Purvis, Bert Arthur and Ernest Smart, three Sumner boys, with breaking into R. T. Buchanan's store at that place on the 12th inst., and stealing a lot of cigars and tobacco and "a few other articles." The preliminary trial of the three youths is set to take place before Justice F. M. Lewis today.

On the 9th inst. Ruth Allen, col., was arrested on a writ issued by Judge DeMoss on complaint of Mary Fitzharris, who charged defendant with disturbing her peace. Both parties live in Missouri township. Ruth was arrested by Constable Strother Cuddy and bonded to appear before Judge DeMoss on the 15th inst. When the case was called the prosecuting witness did not appear and defendant was discharged.

Chas. Johnson of Cunningham township swore out a warrant before Justice F. M. Lewis of Sumner last Tues-



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day charging Henry C. Gaston with assault and battery on the 28th day of August, 1897, in Chariton county, Mo., and avers that "he did then and there unlawfully strike, beat and wound the said Chas. Johnson in a rude, angry and threatening manner, exhibit a pistol and threaten the said Chas. Johnson with the same." All of which indicates that Mr. Gaston is a very naughty man, and has been guilty of a flagrant violation of the laws of this great and glorious commonwealth. His trial is set to take place before Justice Lewis today.

a verdict of guilty and sentenced him to four months in the county jail, whereupon the dusky pleader in his own behalf at the bar of justice started the court and completely threw Justice Bayne off his equilibrium by announcing that he (Cindy) would take another change of venue. But, alas! it was too late, and "Cindy" has secured board at the county jail for the next five months at the expense of the state. The cases against Johnson, Lucas and Price had already been disposed of as previously announced in the COURIER.

Mayor Knaus' Court.

Mayor Knaus' court will grind today, the following cases furnishing the grists for the legal mill:

Oscar Smith, Jr., and Billy Grinstead will be tried for a plain drunk and quarreling, challenging and fighting last Tuesday.

The other cases are those against George Price, col., of 2 1/2 miles northeast of Keytesville and Liveryman L. B. Thrash of this city, both of whom are charged with quarreling, challenging and fighting.

It seems that the trouble originated over Price's accusing Thrash of having insulted his (Price's) wife, nee Minnie Jackson, while passing by Price's house either going by or returning from taking the jail prisoners out into that neighborhood to bail hay.

Price accosted Thrash about the alleged insult offered Mrs. Price, and Thrash whipped up his horses and drove on to town. Since then, according to Thrash's statement, Price has been blowing about how he bluffed Thrash, and has also made threats against him.

Yesterday afternoon Thrash met Price in front of Welch & McKittrick's store, and, after asking him if his name was George Price, and receiving an affirmative reply, he drew a pistol on the negro with the remark that he was the "d—son of a b—he was after." Price grabbed the weapon and managed to keep it pointed toward his assailant until the arrival of City Marshal Embree, who placed both parties under arrest, and took charge of Thrash's pistol. Thrash and Price both gave bond in the sum of \$100 for their appearance before Mayor Knaus today.

Thrash admits that he winked at Mrs. Price and that he said, "Hello, gal," and that he threw up his hand when he passed the house, but denies that he motioned to her to come on, or insulted her.